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U.S. military officers intent on putting through a universal training law for the US say that such preparedness by all three of the major powers of the United Nations -- the US, Britain and Russia -- will be discussed at the forthcoming "Big Three" conference.

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The "Big Three" will consult on this bit of postwar planning to maintain "peace by force" partly because of the intense opposition now developing against enactment of universal service in the years after the war, and because it is believed that a bill cannot be passed if Britain does not go along with universal service of her own.

In other words, our sources say, if Britain doesn't adopt some form of training, and also Russia, the opposition will have mighty argument to defeat a US training program.

Members of Congress who favor universal service admit that, as in 1920, there will be a terrific fight over this proposal, and that it may, as was the case then, be defeated. They are not confident of their ability to shove through such legislation.

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It has been rumored that the President will leave for the "Big Three" conference right after the Thanksgiving holiday, but there has been no confirmation. Rather, it is indicated by White House arrangements that the Prez will return to the White House before leaving for the meeting place. If that is the case, the meeting may be delayed into December.

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last week ordered his assistant, Brig Gen. Al Browning, to come over and help him do some checking. It looks like this ETO supply job will have to be passed on to other hands than Lee in the reasonably near future, unless things improve mightily.

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High ranking army officers in the War Department are expecting British General Montgomery to be removed from his command unless he begins to "live in the present," which they say he isn't doing now.

One of Army ASF Boss Somervell's high ranking officers just reported off the record:

"I called on Gen. Montgomery. I found that he was living in a trailer, and that the entire wall space inside was covered with maps of the North African campaign. There were detailed, relief maps of Kasserine Pass, maps of the desert, with lines clearly drawn to show the old Montgomery campaigns.

"Backing this up, Montgomery, in a four-hour talk with me, never once moved out of North Africa. It was all reminiscing. He wasn't thinking in terms of northwestern Europe at all. He was still fighting that north African campaign over - refighting through his own days of glory. When I investigated, I found that other officers had had the same experience with Monty. That's not the kind of man we want fighting in northwestern Europe. I found that Monty had nearly as many Britishers under him as there were Americans in France at that time - and that he had the Britishers sitting on their cans. That was one of the things Marshall took up with Montgomery when the U.S. chief of staff was over there. It wasn't until Marshall had given Monty two U.S. armored divisions that he got going."

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From Noel Tucker to David Mulburd - sent Dec. 17, 1944 - rec'd Dec. 17, 1944

SPANISH SITUATION:

An eye-witness story published Thursday in Combat on Spanish aid to the German's garrisons on the Atlantic seaboard in France, has aroused considerable public indignation. The account said that the cargo was loaded at the Santurce Jetty in Bilbao harbor on December 4th, into Spanish fishing trawlers manned by Falangist crews and delivered to the German resistance pocket which extends from La Rochelle to Le Verdon on the Atlantic seaboard. The cargo contained food, medical supplies provided by the Spanish Medical Corps, munitions from Castillo barracks in Bilbao, petrol requisitioned from the tanker Campillo which was anchored in the harbor. An armed Falangist and German in multi supervised the loading by a picked gang of stevedores belonging to a local Falangist union, who were paid fifty pesetas for four nights work (five times the normal wage). The French, already indignant over the fact that the Germans in the pocket are better equipped and fed than the opposing F.F.I., are very bitter about this "neutral" aid.

The Quai d'Orsay is silent on Spain, says "no communication". It is believed the French attitude will clarify next week following De Gaulle's return in accordance with decisions reached in Moscow.

In France, Maura continues vocal, is frequently press interviewed and hopeful, but there is nothing new. He did not journey to the Spanish border as reported.

The Spanish National Union is campaigning on the motto "We must conquer freedom by our own hands," to gain support for the Junta Suprema in Madrid. He

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story here this week, but in evaluating the situation among the exiled Spaniards I think two things enter in: there is no one popular exiled leader. Any one of them, including much-criticized (for inactivity and living in "luxury" near London) Nogria would be accepted reluctantly. The Spanish Union in France, minus big names or even leaders who look like future prime ministers, has extremely widespread harmonious and popular support among refugees. Its simple program of out France and down with his supporters and let the Spanish people vote again for what they want has the same uncontroversial appeal as French Resistance did. They have welcomed the right-wing Catholics who are excluded by the Moroccan Junta de Liberation and while the Communists are undoubtedly the most powerful minority in the group it is by no means Communist dominated. I speak of the French branch as no one knows for sure about Spain.

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The Army won't permit publication on this story until a press conference is held in Paris, ten days or two weeks hence, says Paul McNutt, and another group of government bigwigs pulled out of Washington in a C-54 today bound for another one of those front line inspection tours. 70482

Among the vice McNutt were Harold Rosenstock, WPB deputy chairman for operations; Dr. William T. Sullivan, WPB vice-chairman for civilian requirements; James A. Folger, WPB vice-chairman for field operations; Joseph Keenan, WPB vice-chairman for labor production, and Frank McNamee, regional director of the War Manpower Commission under McNutt.

In charge of the party, and acting as guide and army host, was Brig. Gen. Albert J. Browning, Army Service Forces materiel boss, who has hardly been in this country two weeks after taking a gang of business men to the front.

Gen. Eisenhower liked the results of the first trip - in which the business men got a chance to see how the products they turned out were being used - so much that he decided he'd like to have some high government officials, particularly manpower and war production board topsiders, come take a look too.

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Don Nelson came back to Washington a very worried man about the state of the nation. While he hasn't yet provided a date for chatting, he has talked to several of his government friends, and his ~~executive secretary Eddie Lock~~ relays the following, not for attribution to Don as yet:

~~Nelson~~ was chatting the other night after we'd finished working. He had been reading the papers, and watching this war production improvement drive. He turned to me, and said:

"I'm worried. I've been dealing with the public now for 35 years, and if I've learned one thing. I've learned this: you cannot drive the public; you can lead it, but you can't drive it. That is what I'm afraid the government heads are trying to do right now, and I'm afraid for the government in this situation."

What Nelson didn't say then, but what has a lot of government topsiders worried, is what they feel is a lamentable public relations (not just press relations, but public relations) situation in the government.

Brig. Gen. Al Browning just had a sample of it, on his recent trip to France, where he saw Eisenhower, and spent time with all of the Commanders there.

"We were at the press conference which I held for the crowd of business men I had in tow," Browning explained. "I started off lambasting the newspaper men and women. I told them that I'd just been up to the front lines, and that I had seen how we'd advance 400 yards, and then see rosy stories coming out about a great advance. I asked them why didn't they tell the truth in their stories for back home."

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"Boy, did I get landed on like a ton of bricks. They came back at me mad as hell. They told me they'd write the truth out of there if I'd get the damned censors off their neck. They said they knew what sort of stuff would clear, that they had to write daily stories, and that they'd learned to write the sort of stuff the censors would pass. So, I shut up. It goes me a little bit worried. I have taken it up with General Somervell, and he's upset about it, too. I don't know just what he's going to do about it, but I hope he does something. If I get a chance to talk to Eisenhower on this trip I'm starting today, I'm going to take it up with him. I know, as a matter of fact, that Eisenhower is somewhat worried about the way the GI Joe is thinking about the people back home. He said he isn't sure the soldier is certain that he's getting backed up properly at home."

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Pennsylvania politicians say there is talk in the State of running popular Republican Governor Ed Martin for Joe Guffey's seat in 1946. It's early, but Martin is a man to keep our eye on.

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In a confidential cable sent Sunday, Eden urged Halifax to hold a press conference to elaborate the recent statements made by Churchill and by Eden. Eden insisted in the cable how much the Prime Minister and himself are worried by the attitude of the US Press. Their main concern, Eden said, was criticism directed against the British post-war policy rather than that on particular points, like Italy and Greece.

Halifax and his advisers at the Embassy are against a press conference at this time feeling that this would be an overplay.

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This is told confidentially by sources close to a New Deal publisher who was staggered by FFR's adamant stand on the State Department appointees. When the President was reproached about the character of the list, he retorted: "You should have seen the list they sent me first; this one has been cleaned up!"

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OPA expects the cut in individual sugar rations to come late next week. Simultaneously the Office of War Information will issue a detailed explanation of the sugar situation. The story was completed a week or more ago but OPA and War Food impounded it. 70485

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A further cut in civilian shoe supplies and possibly shoe rations is in the cards as a result of wear and tear on the Western Front. A source close to Bill Elliott, head of the Office of Civilian Requirements, said today in answer to a question: "There just aren't going to be two pairs a year."

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Story billowing around Washington and probably all other pro football cities is that there was something phony about beating administered the Redskins by NYGiants three weeks ago. Story points out that odds on Saturday morning were 6-5 giants (it seemed like an even-money game), that odds Saturday afternoon were 3-1 Giants and that no bookmaker anywhere in the country would take a bet against the Giants on Sunday. This, added to a number of misplays by the Redskins has brought the rumor that something was peculiar. But it's still just a rumor. We watch.

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A member of the Administration, was in the way of the bill, made these points worth remembering in connection with the Jones-Wallace fight:

1. At the moment the Administration could not muster enough votes to have Wallace confirmed. (McNaughton's estimate is that not more than 46 can be counted for Wallace now, three short of the required number).

2. But time favors Wallace. The heat generated against him can cool off.

3. The opposition's maneuver to separate the RFC from Commerce is not very practical. The President would certainly veto the George bill and the opposition could not obtain enough votes in the House and Senate to override a presidential veto.

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of FDR: He is never likely to haul off and swat a new Congress with something bodacious, just to establish his boss. Congress always reacts violently at first. Generally in the final showdown, when votes are counted in public and each senator has had time to feel and weigh the immense prestige and power of the White House, the wavering opponents tend to wilt under pressure. There are always some who talk loud in private council but lose nerve when it comes to belling the cat, others who save face in compromise.

A new Wallace legend is in the making. Note the first paragraph in Drew Pearson's column of January 24 (Washington Post). What Pearson says about Henry's Inauguration performance was true. Many people did remark on his impressive appearance, his ringing enunciation of the oath of office. By comparison with Senator Truman, who looked like a nice little guy, Wallace did look like a future presidential contender. In Washington the gossips have been talking a lot about what a tough politician Wallace turned out to be. 70487

The real question: Is Wallace a tough politician or is he merely the willing weapon of the toughest minded political group to invade U.S. politics in the last quarter century - the PAC-CIO Labor bloc? We tried this week for an off-the-record talk with Mr. Wallace to see what he had to say about it. Wallace's secretary said that he would see a TIME reporter after his confirmation. He has been ducking all other interviews, even with his closest newspaper friends.

Washington is chuckling over a story which trickled out of last week's cabinet meeting.

At this session the cabinet discussed and approved the signing of a lend lease agreement with the DeGaulle French government. As the discussion got underway, one member asked Secretary of State Ed Stettinius to explain what was in the agreement. Stettinius in confusion confessed he didn't know. Leo Crowley and Henry Morgenthau had to explain. Ed Prichard commented dryly:

"Isn't it a hell of a note when Henry Morgenthau and Leo Crowley are faster on their feet than the Secretary of State?"

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State, the Economic Stabilization office, and Treasury, are giving a find kickaround to administration plans for getting Congressional confirmation of the Bretton Woods monetary agreement. State feels that the phrase in the Bretton Woods pact directing that it be taken up with the "governments" concerned, means with President Roosevelt, because of the presidential powers in foreign policy. Because it has to admit a general understanding that the matter would be taken up with Congress, State would like a simple resolution which would declare that the President was "authorized" to sign the agreement, but is quasy because that might set a precedent limiting later actions by FDR in the foreign affairs field.

Treasury favors specific legislation, simply declaring that this government adheres to the Bretton Woods agreement. The matter has been finally tossed on the desk of Stabilizer Vinson, who is pondering it this week.

Able Max Thornburg, first petroleum adviser to the State Department, now in private industry but still informally an adviser to State, has handled much of the rewriting of the international oil agreement which President Roosevelt announced ago withdrew from the Senate. The redrafting job is almost done. Some ideas of the Petroleum Industry Council for War have been accepted; Harold Tob has a hand in revising, and the document will soon be in shape for resubmission. This looks like a good TIME story a week hence, but hasn't sufficiently jelled this week.

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✓ Eric Johnston says that there are no plans in the "foreseeable future" of his becoming affiliated with the motion picture industry. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce president, asked about reports that his dickering with movie moguls had produced an agreement, couched his denial in terms which indicated that he wasn't opposed to the idea but was not satisfied with the terms offered.

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The commercial airlines have received a generous outpouring of Army and Navy surplus transport planes in the last two months, but the allocations have now slowed to dribblets and soon they will stop altogether, probably until after V-E day. 489

Later this week, the SWPA will announce one of the few remaining dribblets. Fifteen additional transports have been declared surplus. Of these, domestic airlines will get eight, foreign air carriers, seven (Lebanon, three; Mexico, two; Brazil and Columbia, one each).

SWPA will also announce that it has 14 Budd cargo planes available for allocation, is open to applications. The Army originally contracted for 600 of these Budd planes, then cancelled the contract after 18 had been delivered. The fourteen planes that remain of this batch of 18 are now being released as surplus because they were found too slow for the military purposes for which they were intended.

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Mrs. Adolf A. Berle Jr., wife of the newly appointed US ambassador to Brazil, is known in Washington for her blunt language. At a recent dinner party, Mrs. Berle assailed a Soviet general with some direct questions. Here is the dialogue:

"What is Russia's present aim?"

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"To defeat our enemy".

"What are you going to do with Germany?"

"Conquer her".

"And with Poland?"

"Liberate Her".

"And what will you do, when you arrive to the Rhine?"

"Take a swim".

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At the last minute the number of political advisers to the US delegation ⁷⁰⁴⁹⁰ at the Big Three meeting was reduced. Thus, Cavendish Cannon, chief of the Division of Southern European Affairs, and DOS top Balkan expert, was told late last week to stay at home. Several other DOS officials were also kept home, Cannon said. The decision came from the White House.

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The joint committee on internal revenue taxation is going whole hog on postwar tax and spending studies, but according to Colin F. Stan, chief of staff, the estimates are only the wildest guesses. The committee doesn't expect to have any authoritative figures ready for months. They are trying to work up a prospective program for quick adoption in event the European war should be suddenly concluded, but have hitherto reached no definite conclusions.

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The old fight over farm subsidies will be renewed on Friday before the Senate banking and currency committee. Senator Bankhead has introduced an administration bill which would nullify the Taft amendment to the last Stabilization extension act. Taft's amendment prohibited the payment of subsidies after June 30, 1945, unless the money were specifically appropriated by Congress. Taft is ready to fight the Bankhead bill from the word go.

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White House sources report that Franklin ~~Roosevelt~~ personally drafted the letter firing ~~Joseph~~ Jones. In many an office close to the White House, New Dealers are condemning the president's phraseology as a blunder of the first order.

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Society editors and some of Washington's social climbers, as well as many who have already climbed, are aghast at the social tactics of the new vice-president, Harry Truman. 70491

Truman was invited to 14 formal parties during three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, last week, attended nearly half a dozen additional private parties. He didn't turn down a single invitation extended him as the new vice-president. That, as the social writers here see it, is going a little too far, especially when one of the parties Harry attended was given by the owner of a warehouse in Washington, a guy who just isn't visited by the best people! Harry doesn't care. He seems to be having a grand time.

Harry lost no time in pulling tighter the strings which bind him to FDR. Shortly after the lunch in the White House on inauguration day, when he found himself standing in a receiving line with Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Truman, he suddenly looked around, saw that FDR had disappeared, inquired of Mrs. R.: "Where's the boss?" Oh, he was just upstairs, remarked Mrs. Roosevelt.

"Then," said Truman with a wide smile, "that's where I'm going." And he went, too. He came back with a good, brisk aroma of bourbon about him.

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Next big government shake-up will revolve around Henry Wallace, and according to friends of the retiring Vice President will certainly come before the end of the month, might come at any time now. These sources believe that Wallace emerged from his last meeting with FDR "pleased", believe that he now has a good chance to become Secretary of Commerce. This depends, however, on whether Roosevelt can keep his mind firm, can fight off the expected onslaught by the conservative bloc here and throughout the country.

Carefully trying to keep the two sets of facts separate, Wallace's closest adviser told us that (1) both before and since November 8, the President has been consistently friendly with Wallace, and (2) during the same period he has been consistently unfriendly to Jesse Jones, has committed himself to cutting the old Texan down.

Although Jones has been girding for the fight (as reported before), the impression of Wallace's No. 1 adviser is that nothing will be done about Secretary of Labor immediately and that the milder wings of labor wouldn't stand for Wallace; nothing will be done about Secretary of Agriculture immediately, and this would represent no forward step in the education of Henry Wallace anyhow; Roosevelt has got the foreign economic picture too entangled as between State, Crowley, etc., and is too busy to try to set up a super-duper economic office for Wallace to take over. The only remaining job for Wallace then is the Commerce job, from where he would have a chance to get at his dream of full

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employment through bringing small business into the limelight, meshing middle-class America into its economic future instead of leaving it in the hands of the big fellows.

This source said he didn't believe either the railroad brotherhoods or ~~Matt Woll~~ and ~~Bill Hutcheson~~, of AFL, would stand for Wallace in the Labor Department. It was pointed out that Wallace is not the property of the CIO - that they took him over, rather than the reverse - nevertheless he would be regarded 20493 as too leftish for the big right-wing segment in the union picture. Besides, there is nothing in the cards immediately to indicate that the Labor Department is anything more than a statistical agency.

While it is possible that Wallace could emerge into some new job having to do with international food distribution or the creation of 60,000,000 jobs, his friends now have the impression that Roosevelt has things too tangled up as it is to attempt the creation of a Cabinet-level office, which would infringe on the prerogatives of some Administration stalwarts. Besides, they think, the war has Roosevelt too pre-occupied to take on such a complicated task.

But again ten days ago - for the second time - Franklin Roosevelt told Wallace not to make plans to leave Washington after January 1. After a two-hour luncheon chat, Wallace emerged silent, but according to his mentor, happy. And it still appeared that Jesse Jones would be cut out of the Cabinet, have his face saved with the five-billion dollar RFC. This, said Wallace's man, had the Vice-President about half-way into Jesse Jones' chair already.

The only fear was whether the President "would remain as strong" once the conservatives began to squawk. Our source felt that nothing would save Jesse Jones's Cabinet job - "not even if Wallace dropped dead". He also felt that Henry would have no trouble with Senate confirmation. The delay is probably

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due to a typical Roosevelt desire to avoid any more friction than he has to have - but events are piling up and this is the one big question that must be resolved shortly.

Tommy Corcoran, the ex-New Dealer and now the prosperous - but prosperous - attorney, has D. Worth Clark, lame duck senator from Idaho, on the verge of joining his law firm. 70494

This afternoon Tommy said he thought he had him. It will be sewed up in a day or two, and when it comes will provide something of a sensation in Washington - as well as a story. Corcoran and Clark were classmates at law school; Corcoran has the highest regard for Clark's legal ability. Clark is a good friend of Bert Wheeler, and Corcoran, who now believes the whole White House setup is ready to blow sky high, thinks that what will blow it is a bloc of senators, a bloc which might even find such characters as Claude Pepper and Wheeler playing together.

President Roosevelt, according to Ed Prichard of Fred Vinson's Economic Stabilization office, says that President Roosevelt's ability to bounce back physically from a work load has been impaired. It's the first time anyone in any office such as Vinson's has been chatty on such a subject.

"Right now", explains Prichard, "the President is saving his strength. He has told his close associates he doesn't want to see anyone other than military strategy people, except where it is really necessary. Of course,

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he had to come out in the campaign, wrestle over some domestic problems, make some promises. But now he has become very Churchillian in his whole attitude and approach. He isn't even giving too much thought to the post war job internationally. His attitude is that he is the commander in chief, that everything that can be put off until after the war - international arrangements, other problems - should be put off. He is conducting himself as a man who wants to finish this job of commander in chief, get the war won - and then ⁷⁰⁴³⁵ that someone else can carry the torch. It's a relatively new role for Roosevelt, but I'm not the only one who has noticed it."

General Lucius D. Clay, deputy director of the Office of War Mobilization, reports that Selective Service calls for the next six months will draw off approximately 250,000 more men than become 18 years of age in that time.

This week, the Byrnes office is calling in chiefs of the WPB and other interested agencies, such as Manpower, for a series of secret hearings, on the effect this drawing off will have on production. There is a pool of approximately 365,000 men between the ages of 26 and 29 who have been deferred because of special skill and types of war production work in industry. Despite the fact that there are

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On January 21, 1942, David Hulburt, acting for Time Inc.'s War Problems Committee, sent out a memorandum on the subject of distribution of confidential military information. It said, in part:

"Our correspondents, especially our Washington correspondents, are constantly obtaining and passing on to us all sorts of really confidential matter ... which, if it got into the wrong hands, would raise hell with the war effort and subject Time Inc. to serious criticism and worse.

"Hence we must establish rigid and absolute control over the inter-office and intra-office exchange of such information...."

The necessity for rigid control of such military information is just as great in 1945 as it was three years ago.

Equally important, if somewhat less obvious, is the necessity of keeping confidential non-military information which we as editors receive in confidence from our correspondents. Our professional standards in this regard should be no less high than our patriotic standards in regard to military information. Our correspondents should feel free to pass on to us anything and everything that comes their way without fear that we will blab it carelessly around. The same rules apply to both military and non-military confidential information as circulated under the News Bureau's control:

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- 4) No idle chatter outside the office.

Correspondents, of course, ought not to mark their material confidential unless it really is. Editor Luce has recently complained that some correspondents tend to plaster the word "confidential" on points which are very open secrets. Hulburt will make it his business to see that correspondents are straightened out in this regard.

Nevertheless, the caution remains in full force; we must maintain the highest professional standard in respect to the status of all information we receive under the various confidential categories.

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Leo Crowley, one of Jesse Jones's staunchest rosters, is sadly of the opinion that the axe will fall on his old friend about the time Roosevelt takes off for the Big Three meeting.

Completely aware of the sturdy fight Jesse has put up, Crowley believes that very shortly after inauguration FDR will write a letter to Jones relieving ^{King of} his Cabinet job, giving him the RFC to hang onto, and then probably will appoint Henry Wallace Secretary of Commerce.

Asked if he didn't think Jesse had made it plain he will be difficult to fire, Crowley nodded, but said: "You write this on your cuff. Every time Roosevelt goes off on one of these jaunts, he lets loose with something just before he goes. He's got to do this right after inauguration, because the inauguration itself gives him the excuse for shake-ups. If he lets it go any length of time he won't be able to do it. And if Wallace stands around here for any length of time without a job he'll begin to look like a dead duck. It's got to be done right after January 20." Crowley said he wished that it wouldn't happen, but frankly stated it as his belief that Jesse will have to take it.

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The administration carefully withheld the reason for the switch of Laughlin ~~Currie~~ from Deputy Administrator of FEA back to the White House anonymous secretary this week. The reason: impending promotion of suave, smart Oscar Cox from general

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counsel to deputy director of FEA. It is a Hopkins operation, as all the White House periphery people see it - and certainly they are right to the extent Hopkins approved it, as he keeps a close tab on FEA operations.

Best available information on Hopkins' own plans comes from his friends in the Budget Bureau, and Tommy Corcoran. They say Harry will leave for a London assignment immediately after the Inauguration, will pick up FDR enroute to wherever the next Big Three conference is held.

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Budget Director Harold D. Smith reports - three years late, to be sure - that on the Saturday afternoon before Pearl Harbor, he was in the room with President Roosevelt, and that Secretary of Navy Knox telephoned FDR while he was there. The president turned to him and said, as well as Harold can remember it: 70497

"Frank called to report the presence of a Japanese convoy in the China Sea. They haven't got any dope on where it is bound, and they can't quite explain its presence at this time.

"Do you know, Harold, we may be at War with Japan by this time next week."

(This story, old as it is, supplies more evidence in the picture of how much warning we had - or should have had - of the disastrous attack on Pearl Harbor. Presumably FDR will put it in his memoirs sometime).

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Smith also reports - and he does the planning for most governmental organization changes before they occur - that there is little likelihood of any cabinet shakings or reorganization "until the war looks a whole lot better than it does now."

Smith reflects, in his private conversations, the old scorn which the budget bureau entertains for Jimmie Byrnes' operating work. As he said in chatting off the record about the whole government setup: "Jimmie's very strength on the bill

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comprises his weaknesses in his present job - his tendency to compromise everything by accepting part of two widely divergent suggestions for solving a problem. And he still doesn't know how to use a staff."

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FEA intimates of Don Nelson, notably Laughlin Currie, report that Don's next job will be Australian economics - that he laid the ground work for it in his stopovers there enroute home from China. Nelson, just back from a hospital checkup - no operation - will see us next week for more details.

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A report from the Polish underground on the basis of information gathered by Poles working in Germany stresses that the present German economic situation is such that no collapse for economic reasons should be expected under twelve months.

This report was smuggled out Gdynia to Stockholm and has been carefully studied by G-2 and OSS in Washington.

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Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., is on his way to New York City, where he expects to remain until sometime next week on matters of ~~his~~ personal business. FYI - he can probably be reached at his apartment in the Savoy Plaza.

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There apparently will be smoking President Roosevelt out further on the progress of the war, or his conduct of foreign policy, beyond the point he traveled in his state of the union message.

With Congressional leaders this week, Roosevelt exhibited a great deal of irritation over the "early end of the war" reports that Winston Churchill has periodically issued. He was likewise miffed at General Eisenhower for his predictions that the war would end in 1944.

The President told the leaders that "I for one" hadn't been prophesying any early end of the war, and that he personally believed there was a hell of a lot of hard fighting ahead, both in Europe and Asia, and was making his plans accordingly. Then he turned to the Churchill predictions, said he has given Churchill hell for making such statements, "and then he does it again right away." There might be some excuse in that Churchill is trying to keep the British spirit up with indications that Germany is right on the ropes, Roosevelt surmised, but he doubted whether the good derived therefrom would offset the sag in the U.S. war efforts.

Members of the Congressional group said privately that Roosevelt seemed hot as a cookstove, and also seemed to believe that such predictions, and their subsequent disproof, gave the Germans a lift in morale. He said he intended to take this up with Churchill again at the Big Three meeting, and to speak his mind plainly. He indicated that Eisenhower already has been told to pipe down on predictions. 70499

Roosevelt also told the delegation that no amount of needling would draw him out further in foreign policy statements at this time. He did state categorically that he was going to the Big Three meeting without having his hands tied by any commitments made at Teheran and Cairo, and those agreements were military and that he certainly had not bartered the U.S. position away on foreign policy

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The President was told that he faced a period of uncertainty and questioning on foreign policy, and he said that he knew it, that he recognized that ~~Burt Wheeler~~ was off the reservation again, and that Wheeler's blasts would stir up other isolationists. In connection with the over-optimistic prediction of the war's end, he recalled that Joe Stalin had not been issuing any optimistic armistice dates, and believed that the Russians are set for some long hard fighting.

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Congressman ~~Mike Mansfield~~, who went on a secret mission to China for the President, has been waiting for a week for a chance to make his report. Mansfield says privately that China is in a hell of a shape, and that he is convinced personally Chiang has some pretty substantial reasons for refusing hitherto to do business with the Communists. The Communist elements have worked to undermine Chiang, and have shown no real tendency to compromise and harmonize the effort to throw out the Japanese, Mansfield said. He believes that Chiang is the only figure around which China can maintain at least a semblance of unity, that ~~7500~~ 500 are committed to support him, and there is no way of backing out.

He found no evidence that would clinch the proposition that the Communists are working directly on orders from Moscow, and doesn't think anyone will ever dig up conclusive evidence on such a point. The Chinese armies are weary, and only the strongest support can put them back on their feet, Mansfield believes. He found Ambassador ~~Pat Hurley~~ digging into his job, getting along well with Chiang, and inclined to be extremely frank and blunt in dealing with the Generalissimo.

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The next Senator who will come into the 79th by appointment is young, able ~~Hugh B. Mitchell~~, secretary to retiring Senator ~~Mon Wallgren~~. Wallgren, now governor, was willing to appoint either Mitchell or Congressman John Coffee. The Democratic state committee picked Mitchell. He will serve until the 1946 election.

~~Coffee~~ always has strong republican opposition in his district, and it was feared that if he were moved up to the Senate, the Republicans would win his seat in a special election. This knocked Coffee out of the chance for the plum.

The next seat to be vacated is that of Missouri's Harry Truman, who will resign Jan. 18. It is not virtually a cinch that State Senator Frank Briggs will get Truman's seat. Briggs, according to Truman, is a highly able fellow, personable, and a loyal admirer of the President. He is expected to be straight administration.

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Eighty-year-old Muley ~~Doughton~~, chairman of the powerful ways and means committee, is ill in North Carolina, a heavy case of flu.

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The Justice Department's first criminal case in the Negro vote issue is about ready to file; attorneys are going over the commas and don't exactly know when they will move. The action will be a "criminal information" in Federal court against a deputy sheriff in Mobile, who is charged with barring a number of Negro citizens from primary vote. We are watching and will let you know as soon as we learn when it will break.

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Democratic and politically wise, Leo Crowley gets a kick out of the current Republican struggles. He describes the G.O.P.'s organization in the Senate as "one of those White House reorganizations." He says that some of the G.O.P. Senators don't think much of Harb Brownell, and when the cry arose for a full-time National Chairman the fellow who really wanted the job was Nebraska's ambitious, scrappy Senator Kon Cherry. He couldn't make it, says Crowley, and that's how they came to the compromise to put a full-time man in the headquarters in Washington.

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